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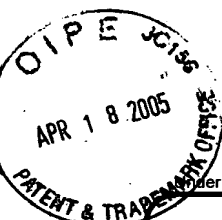
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
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Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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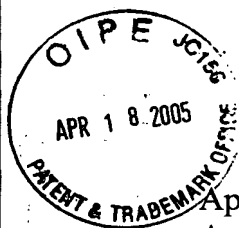
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Applicant : Andi J. Mikelsons et al.

Filed : September 26, 2003

Title : Loading System for
Elongated Strand of Food
Product

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2005, please amend the above identified application, as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-16, 20, 22, 23, 27-31, 33, 38, 39, 43-46, 49-68, 72-77 stand canceled. Claims 17-18, 21, 24, 26, 32, 34, 35-37, 40, 47, 48, 69-71 have been amended. The amendment leaves claims 17-19, 21, 24-26, 32, 34-37, 40-42, 47, 48, 69-71 pending.

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